

REMARKS

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of group I, claims 1-6, which traverse. The Examiner states that groups I and II are unrelated, but this is not correct, since the recombinant hydroxynitrile lyases from group II are derived from the DNA sequences of group I.

Regarding the election of species, Applicants elect the species of SEQ ID No. 19.

New claim 20 is added corresponding to claim 17 except being limited to a protein encoded by the gene according claim 1.

Rejoinder of claim 20 is respectfully solicited upon an allowance of the elected claims 1-6.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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